AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The claims in this listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claim Listing:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for preparing lactic acid fermented solution of mushroom comprising the steps of:

- (a) preparing a mushroom ingredients-containing medium by homogenizing a medium mixture comprising from about 0.1-10% by weight of mushroom ingredients from fruit bodied or mycelia of mushroom, 1-50% by weight of defatted milk, 0.1-20% by weight of sugar and the balance of purified water, heat-treating the homogenized medium mixture at a temperature ranging 75-110°C for 15-40 minutes, and cooling the heat-treated medium mixture to a temperature ranging 35-40°C;
- (b) inoculating lactic acid strain <u>bacteria</u> onto the <u>mushroom ingredients-containing</u> medium;
 - (c) culturing the strain-inoculated medium; and
 - (d) aging the cultured medium.

Claims 2-5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (currently amended): The method according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein the medium mixture in step ii) (a) consists of 0.1-10% by weight of mushroom ingredients, 1-20% by weight of defatted milk, 0.1-20% by weight of sugar and the balance of purified water.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The method according to claim 1, wherein the strain in step (b) is inoculated in an amount of 1-10% by weight of lactic acid bacteria in cold storage

storaged or heat-treated lactic acid bacteria, based on the total weight of said mushroom ingredients-containing medium.

Claim 8 (original): The method according to claim 7, wherein the strain to be inoculated is *Lactobacillus bulgaricus*.

Claim 9 (original): The method according to claim 7, wherein the strain is heat-treated lactic acid bacteria.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The method according to claim 9, wherein the heat-treatment is carried out by placing a cold-stored strain in an incubator and incubating the strain till a at a temperature ranging from 25-40°C.

Claim 11 (original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the culturing is carried out within the range of 35-40°C for 3-20 hours.

Claim 12 (original): The method according to claim 11, wherein the culturing is carried out for 3-6 hours.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The method according to claim 1, wherein the aging is carried out at a temperature ranging from 3-5°C for 10-20 hours.

Claims 14-18 (canceled)

Claim 19 (new): The method according to claim 1, wherein the mushroom ingredients are obtained from at least one mushroom selected from the group consisting of Agaricus blazei, Ganderma lucidum, Grifola frondosa, Elfbingia applanata, Pleurotus osteratus, Agaricus bisporus, Flammulina velutipes, Lentinus edodes and Crdyceps spp.

Claim 20 (new): A method for preparing lactic acid fermented solution of mushroom comprising:

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- (a) preparing a mushroom ingredients-containing medium comprising the sub-steps of:
- (i) obtaining mushroom ingredients from fruit bodies of mycelia of at least one mushroom selected from the group consisting of Agaricus blazei, Ganderma lucidum, Grifola frondosa, Elfbingia applanata, Pleurotus osteratus, Agaricus bisporus, Flammulina velutipes, Lentinus edodes and Crdyceps spp. by grinding or extracting;
 - (ii) preparing a medium mixture including the mushroom ingredients;
- (iii) heat-treating the prepared medium mixture at a temperature ranging 75-110°C for 15-40 minutes; and
- (iv) cooling the heat-treated medium mixture to a temperature ranging 35-40°C;
- (b) inoculating lactic acid strain <u>bacteria</u> onto the mushroom ingredients-containing medium;
 - (c) culturing the strain-inoculated medium; and
 - (d) aging the cultured medium.

Claim 21 (new): The method according to claim 20, wherein the mushroom ingredients in (i) are obtained from *Ganderma lucidum* extract.

Claim 22 (new): The method according to claim 20, wherein the medium mixture in (ii) consists of 0.1-10% by weight of mushroom ingredients, 1-50% by weight of defatted milk, 0.1-20% by weight of sugar and the balance of purified water.

Claim 23 (new): A method for preparing lactic acid fermented solution of mushroom comprising:

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- · (a) preparing a mushroom ingredients-containing medium comprising the sub-steps of
- (i) obtaining mushroom ingredients from fruit bodies of mycelia of Lentinus edodes, Pleurotus osteratus and ganderma lucidum. by grinding or extracting;
 - (ii) preparing a medium mixture including the mushroom ingredients;
- (iii) heat-treating the prepared medium mixture at a temperature ranging 75-110°C for 15-40 minutes; and
- (iv) cooling the heat-treated medium mixture to a temperature ranging 35-40°C;
- (b) inoculating lactic acid strain <u>bacteria</u> onto the mushroom ingredients-containing medium;
 - (c) culturing the strain-inoculated medium; and
 - (d) aging the cultured medium.

Claim 24 (new): The method according to claim 23, wherein the medium mixture in (ii) consists of 0.1-10% by weight of mushroom ingredients, 1-50% by weight of defatted milk, 0.1-20% by weight of sugar and the balance of purified water.

Claim 25 (new): A lactic acid fermented solution of mushroom comprising effective ingredients for dropping blood sugar level produced by fermenting a mushroom ingredients-containing medium with lactic acid bacteria, in which the mushroom ingredients are obtained from *Ganderma lucidum* extract.

Claim 26 (new): A lactic acid fermented solution of mushroom comprising effective ingredients for dropping the formation of peroxidized lipid in serum produced by fermenting a mushroom ingredients-containing medium with lactic acid bacteria, in which the mushroom

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ingredients are obtained from a mixture of Lenitnus edodes, Pleurotus osteratus and Ganderma lucidum.